

# I Peter - A Survival Guide for the Believer - Help Sheet #2

## 1) Up Front

- How far did we get last time and where do we start today?
- Survival Guide Strategies:
  - o Know who you are.
  - o Know what God has done.
  - o Know what God promises for the present.
  - o Know where it's all heading.
- What does it all mean for you, the church, the world?

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### Outline - *Our Sure Hope*

- Greeting (1:1-2)
- I. You have a sure hope awaiting you in heaven (1:3-12)
  - II. You have a call to holy living based on your sure hope.
    - A. Live with one another as people who share this sure hope (1:13-25)
    - B. Crave pure spiritual milk so you grow up (2:1-3)
    - C. Living stones and priests proclaim this sure hope (2:4-12)
    - D. Submit to God's representatives as a witness of your sure hope (2:13-3:7)
    - E. Repay evil with good as a witness of your sure hope (3:8-22)
    - F. Separate yourselves from paganism as a witness of your sure hope (4:1-6)
    - G. Live in harmony with one another as a witness of your sure hope (4:7-11)
  - III. Recognize that suffering for Jesus is not unusual for those who have this sure hope (4:12-19)
  - IV. Admonition to elders/shepherds of God's flock (5:1-4)
  - V. Final exhortations and greetings (5:5-14)

## 2) 1:13-25 You Have a Sure and Living Hope ... so Be Holy. (Another major word pileup.)

- Blunt and Urgent Call to Holy Living – More Faith without Works is Dead
- “Don’t let what you can’t do get in the way of what you can do.” (John Wooden)
- Some priority therapy for “sinaholics.”
- Salvation is free but not cheap!
- Faith and Hope – only as good as its object!
- Born again to love.

## 3) 2:1-3 Grow up!

